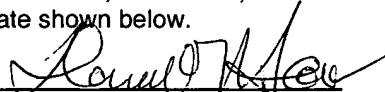


PATENT
TH1276 02 (US)
DFH:EM

DAC

JFW
A

I hereby certify that this correspondence is being deposited with the United States Postal Service as first class mail in an envelope addressed to Commissioner for Patents, P. O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450 on or before the date shown below.


Donald F. Haas
Date: October 19, 2004

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of)	
)	
JOSEPH B. POWELL, PAUL R. WEIDER,)	
JOHN F. KNIFTON, KEVIN D. ALLEN,)	
LYNN H. SLAUGH, and JUAN P. ARHANCET)	
)	
Serial No. 10/669,485)	Group Art Unit: 1621
)	
Filed September 24, 2003)	
)	
SYNTHESIS OF ALIPHATIC 1,3-DIOLS UTILIZING)	October 19, 2003
REDUCED LIGAND CONCENTRATION AND)	
WATER EXTRACTION)	
)	

ASSISTANT COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS
Washington, DC 20231

Sir:

PETITION UNDER RULE 1.78

The Applicant hereby requests consideration of this Petition Under Rule 1.78.

The undersigned recently became aware that the old practice of being able to insert a cross reference to a prior U.S. application by requesting such in the patent application transmittal form was changed by the new amendment practice effective July 30, 2003. It was at this time that the undersigned reviewed this patent application and found out that the amendment to include the required cross reference to the divisional application serial number 10/360,302 had only been requested at the time of filing in the transmittal form. The undersigned states that this error to include a preliminary amendment along with the filing was unintentional and that the entire delay in submitting this amendment was unintentional. The Applicant requests that the amendment of the specification in the amendment filed concurrently herewith be accepted.

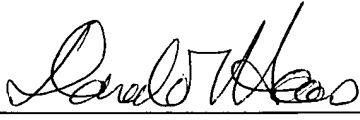
10/25/2004 MAHMED1 00000077 191800 10669485

01 FC:1460 130.00 DA

The Applicant requests that the fee for filing this petition and any fee/surcharge required for late filing of the amendment to include the cross reference to the prior application be charged to Shell Oil Company Deposit Account 19-1800.

Respectfully submitted,

JOSEPH B. POWELL, PAUL R. WEIDER,
JOHN F. KNIFTON, KEVIN D. ALLEN,
LYNN H. SLAUGH, and JUAN P. ARHANCET

By 

Their Attorney, Donald F. Haas
Registration No. 26,177
(713) 241-3356

P.O. Box 2463
Houston, Texas 77252-2463